

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

In the Matter of:

Evansdale Branch
Evansdale, Iowa 50707
(Chad Deutsch and Craig Chilton, Petitioners)

Docket No. A2011-103

**MOTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO PETITIONERS' SUBMISSIONS**

(November 22, 2011)

The United States Postal Service (the "Postal Service") hereby respectfully requests an extension of time to file its comments to Petitioners' initial briefs. Pursuant to Order No. 896, dated October 5, 2011, and 39 CFR § 3001.115, Petitioners' initial briefs were to be filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") on November 4, 2011. On that date, Petitioner Deutsch filed a motion requesting an extension until November 21, 2011 to file his brief. The Commission has not ruled on Petitioner Deutsch's motion, but nevertheless, on November 21, 2011, Petitioner Deutsch filed a 30-page initial brief.

Pursuant to the original schedule set forth in Order No. 896, the Postal Service's response must be filed no later than November 25, 2011, 20 days after Petitioners' initial briefs were to be filed. However, because of Petitioner Deutsch's recent filing and the breadth of evidence and numerous arguments in Petitioner Deutsch's initial brief, and due to the absence of lead counsel from the office this week, the Postal Service respectfully requests an extension until December 2, 2011 to file its responsive comments. Elaine Mittleman, Esq.,

counsel for Petitioner Deutsch, stated that she had no objection to an extension of the Postal Service's deadline.

For the foregoing reasons, the Postal Service requests an extension until December 2, 2011 to file its comments to Petitioners' initial brief and participant statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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